

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
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CURRENT INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Status of the Soviet Presence in Cuba

1. The Soviet military picture in Cuba is in transition with a scaling down of these forces becoming apparent. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] In addition to the Soviet military personnel--now estimated to total 12,000 to 13,000--there are about 1,700 Soviets engaged in various economic activities and the number of these is expected to increase. Soviet diplomatic and trade officials in Cuba continue to number about 80.

Military

2. About 17,500 Soviet military personnel were estimated to be in Cuba prior to February 1963. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the total Soviet military personnel strength in Cuba is now estimated to be about 12,000 to 13,000.

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Economic

4. We estimate there are about 1,700 Soviets in Cuba engaged in various types of economic activity. Technicians and workers of all sorts supplement Cuba's meager supply of technically qualified personnel.

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[REDACTED] we anticipate the number will grow considerably this year as work progresses on Soviet aid projects.

5. Soviet advisors are employed in many positions throughout the Cuban economic hierarchy in planning, administrative, and supervisory capacities.

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[REDACTED] Other Soviet economic specialists are involved with the embryonic economic aid projects being undertaken with Soviet assistance. These include two major thermal power stations, the expansion of three steel plants, and surveys for a petroleum refinery.

Diplomatic and Transient Personnel

6. There continue to be about eighty diplomatic and trade officials attached to the Soviet Embassy in Havana. They have some 150 dependents, many of who work in the embassy or commercial offices.

7. In addition to the individuals stationed in Cuba for extended periods, several hundred Soviet citizens may be temporarily in Cuba at any one time. These include delegations to particular events in Cuba.

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